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REFERENCES TO THE TRANSFER OF "RUBIN" AND
"IRA", AND TO THE RECALL OF "GRIGORIJ".

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To VIKTOR[i].

1. Yesterday I conversed with RUBIN[i]. He expressed regret

[13 groups unrecovered]

the KHATA[iii]. He also enquired whether we would transfer him from the work permanently or whether he would be able to resume study [UCHER.] next year[iv]. If permanently does this mean that

[24 groups unrecoverable].

RUBIN related, quoting IRA[v], that in CARTRIDGE [KARFAGEN][vi] SEROV[vii], for whom IRA worked as secretary, persistently tried to enter into intimate relations with her. For the time being it is not known whether the business was limited to attempts; however, R.[viii] expressed suspicion to GRIGORIJ[ix] that IRA was pregnant [but][a] not by him since he had been taking precautions. Please clarify this matter through the appropriate channels, especially in connection with your decision to transfer R. and IRA to work in CARTRIDGE, and telegraph your opinion in advance.

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3. GRIGORIJ, who was informed of the decision to send [him][a] away [OTKOMANDIROV.NIE], wants to speak with me. How do you recommend that the recall be justified? GRIGORIJ considers that he has been made a scapegoat (actually R.[viii] is no less at fault than GRIGORIJ).

4. Would it not be possible to draw UR.L[x] gradually into our work?

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MAY [MAJ][xi]

T.N.: [a] Inserted by the translator.

Comments: [i] VIKTOR: probably Lt.-General P.M. FITIN.

[ii] RUBIN: Valentin Efimovich TOLSTIKOV.

[iii] K.M.TA: the F.B.I.

[iv] TOLSTIKOV [RUBIN] was a student at Columbia University from 18th February 1944 to 19th October 1946.

[v] IRA: Mariya Andreevna TOLSTIKOVA, wife of Valentin Efimovich TOLSTIKOV.

[vi] KARFAGEN: WASHINGTON, D.C.

[vii] Mikhail Vasil'evich SZROV, Assistant Chairman of the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission in the U.S.A.

[viii] R.: i.e. RUBIN.

[ix] GRIGORIJ: not identified.

[x] UR.L: probably Nikolaj Prokop'evich KARPEKOV.

[xi] MAJ: Pavel Ivanovich FEDOSIMOV.
